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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX

Introduced By: Representatives Tobon, Barros, Diaz, Johnston, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: May 10, 2019

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 44-20 of the General Laws entitled "Cigarette and Other Tobacco
2 Products Tax" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **44-20-13.6. Smokers' health assistance fund.**

4 In addition to any other tax or charge pursuant to this chapter, a fifteen cent (\$0.15)
5 surcharge is imposed on all packages of cigarettes or other nicotine delivery devices for use in
6 offsetting the cost incurred by the state of Rhode Island for the care and treatment of persons
7 diagnosed by a physician with an illness directly related to smoking. The proceeds collected shall
8 be paid into the smokers' health assistance fund managed by the department of health for the
9 exclusive purposes specified in this section. The department of health shall establish protocols
10 related to the assessment and treatment of individuals covered by the smokers' health assistance
11 fund.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would establish the smokers' health assistance fund by imposing a fifteen cent
- 2 (\$0.15) surcharge on cigarettes and other nicotine delivery devices.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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